

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

ANNUAL REPORT July 2017 – June 2018

This report covers the activities of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) functions under Health Occupations Article, Title 17, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board is the licensure and certification authority of alcohol and drug counselors, art therapists, behavior analysts, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors in the State of Maryland. The Board is mandated to regulate these professions by verifying individuals’ credentials, issuing licenses and certificates, establishing requirements for and verifying completion of continuing education hours, investigating complaints based on alleged violations of statutes and regulations, imposing formal and informal disciplining of licensees and certificate holders, establishing committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and to submit an annual report to the Governor and Secretary.

Mission

The Mission of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote high quality health care in the fields of professional counseling, alcohol and drug counseling, marriage and family therapy, art therapy and behavior analysis.

Meetings

During the year, the Board held 12 formal meetings and committee meetings.

Board Members

The Board consists of 13 members: four licensed clinical professional counselors, three licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors, three licensed clinical marriage and family therapists, one licensed clinical professional art therapist, and two consumer members.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Risa L. Ganel, LCMFT, Chair	June 30, 2022
Aparna Ramaswamy, LCPC, Vice Chair	June 30, 2020
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary	June 30, 2021
Amanda Bechtel, LCPAT	June 30, 2020
Sharon Bolden, LCADC	June 30, 2021
Sara Carlton, Consumer	June 30, 2020
Mark Donovan, LCADC	June 30, 2021
C. Scott Frazier, Consumer	June 30, 2021
Jeffrey Galecki, LCADC	June 30, 2021
Husher L. Harris, Sr., LCPC	June 30, 2021
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	June 30, 2021
Candice Richardson Dickens, LCPC	June 30, 2018
Anna DeJong, LCADC	June 30, 2018

Committees

1. Credentials: Sharon Bolden, Scott Frazier, Husher Harris, Candice Richardson Dickens, Anna DeJong
2. Discipline Review: Jeffrey Galecki, Risa Ganel, Sara Carlton, Nicki Drotleff
3. Regulations/Legislation: Amanda Bechtel, Mark Donovan, Karen Katrinic, Aparna Ramaswamy

Staff

Kimberly B. Link, Executive Director
Rhonda Edwards, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Anna Sullivan, Licensing Administrator
Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator
Sandra Boxley, Office Secretary/ Licensing Coordinator
Tawana Brown, Licensing Coordinator
Ryan Heisler, Administrative Specialist
Shelly-Ann Barnes, Board Investigator
Sheila Garrett, Board Investigator
Swagata Pramanik, Programmer Data Analyst

Finances

The Board is special funded. Revenues, which support the Board's operations, are generated through licensing and certification fees. No other State funds can be used to support the Board's operations.

The Board generated \$1,275,192.00 in revenues in FY2018 and its expenditures totaled \$862,491.11.

Complaints

The Board received 90 complaints in FY2018. The Board issued 15 formal disciplinary actions. All public disciplinary orders can be found on the Board's website at www.health.maryland.gov/bopc.

Legislation

HB722/SB552 - State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists -Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation - *Passed (Chapter Number 757)*

This bill is for the purpose of continuing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the composition of the Board prohibiting a certain number of individuals appointed as certain members of the Board from holding a certain credential; requiring the Board to submit a certain report to the General Assembly, in addition to the Governor and the Secretary of Health, on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Board to create an Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee to perform certain functions; altering the educational requirements for licensure to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling; altering the educational requirements for licensure to practice clinical marriage and family therapy; altering the educational requirements for licensure to practice clinical professional counseling; altering

the educational requirements for licensure to practice clinical professional art therapy; altering the circumstances under which the Board is required to waive certain application requirements for certain individuals; altering the educational requirements for licensure to practice certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug counseling; altering the educational requirements for certification to practice certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug counseling; repealing certain provisions of law establishing and governing the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee; repealing certain provisions of law establishing and governing the behavior analyst rehabilitation subcommittee; establishing the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee; specifying the composition of the Subcommittee; providing for the terms of a member of the Subcommittee; authorizing the Board to remove a member of the Subcommittee for certain reasons; requiring the Subcommittee to annually elect a chair and vice chair and to determine the manner of election of officers and the duties of each officer; providing that a majority of the members then serving on the Subcommittee is a quorum; requiring the Subcommittee to meet at certain times and places; authorizing the Subcommittee to hold special meetings under certain circumstances; requiring that certain notice of Subcommittee meetings be given in a certain manner; providing for the compensation of Subcommittee members; requiring the Subcommittee to evaluate and make certain recommendations on certain matters; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act and certain rules and regulations adopted under certain provisions of this Act subject to certain provisions of law; requiring the Board, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Budget and Management, to report on certain matters to the Department of Legislative Services on or before a certain date and at certain intervals thereafter; requiring the Board to submit certain emergency and proposed Ch. 757 2018 LAWS OF MARYLAND – 2 – regulations to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review within a certain number of days after the effective date of this Act; requiring the Board to submit certain regulations to update provisions regarding certain education and experience requirements to the Joint Committee on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to distribute certain drafts to and receive feedback from certain stakeholders and hold at least a certain number of meetings when drafting certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to make certain employees available to the Board to assist in drafting certain regulations; requiring the Board to make a certain determination regarding the regulation of the practice of behavior analysis on or before a certain date and after consulting with the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, receiving input from certain stakeholders, and holding at least a certain number of meetings; requiring the Board to make a certain determination regarding the regulation of certain creative counselors and therapists on or before a certain date and after receiving certain input and holding at least a certain number of meetings; requiring the Board to make a certain determination for a certain Board composition on or before a certain date and after making certain other determinations, receiving input from certain stakeholders, and holding at least a certain number of meetings; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to submit a report and make certain recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring that the terms of certain members of the Board terminate on a certain date to continue to serve until the end of a certain term and that at a certain time, the Governor appoint certain members in accordance with certain provisions of this Act; requiring that certain members of the Board continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Subcommittee; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

ACTIVE LICENSES/CERTIFICATES (8027)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (2301, 29%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	339
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	13
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	667
Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	548
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	719
Certified Professional Alcohol and Drug Counselors	15

Art Therapists (157, 2%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	136
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	21

Licensed Behavior Analysts (5%):

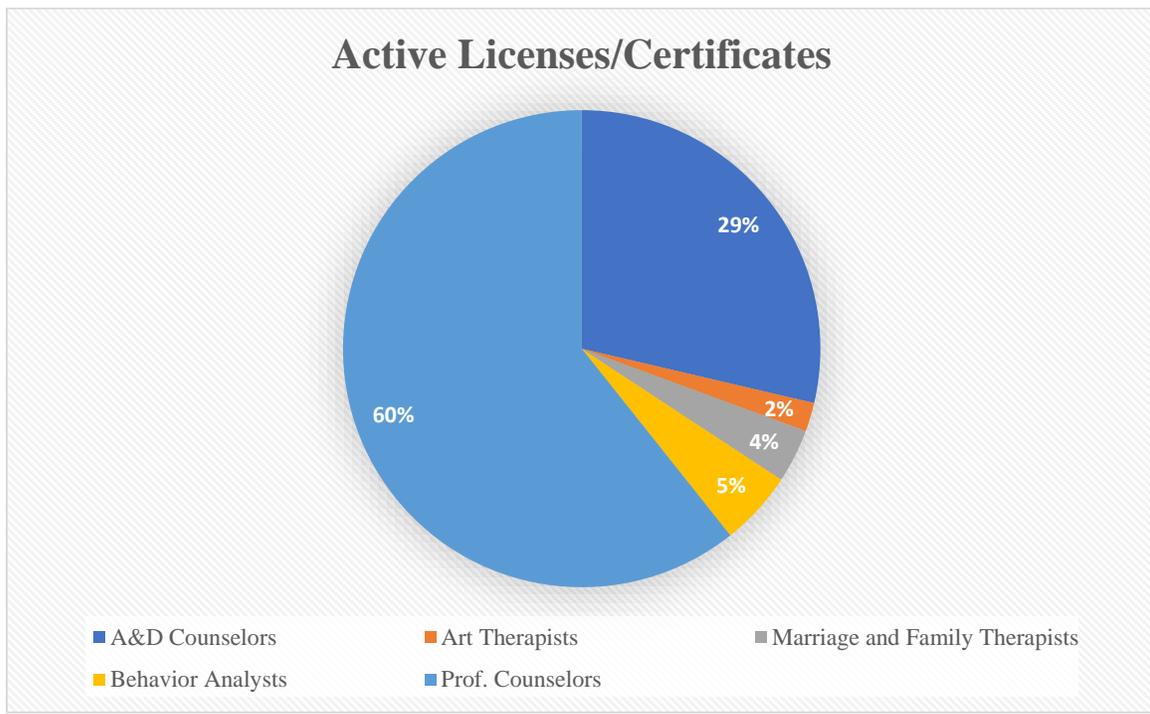
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Marriage and Family Therapists (292, 4%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	246
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	46

Professional Counselors (4872, 60%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	3871
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	982
Certified Professional Counselors	19



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (4073)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (1211, 30%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	101
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	77
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug and Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	357
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	676

Art Therapists (42, 1%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	19
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	23

Licensed Behavior Analysts (3%): 134

Marriage and Family Therapists (134, 3%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	75
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	59

Professional Counselors (2552, 63%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	1074
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	1478

NEW LICENSES/CERTIFICATES ISSUED (1397)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (429, 31%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	16
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	9
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	56
Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	58
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	290

Art Therapists (18, 1%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	9
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	9

Licensed Behavior Analysts (9%): 132

Marriage and Family Therapists (35, 3%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	23
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	12

Professional Counselors (783, 56%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	383
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	400

RENEWALS (3904)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors (1345, 34%):

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors	201
Licensed Graduate Alcohol and Drug Counselors	1
Certified Associate Counselors -Alcohol and Drug And Certified Supervised Counselors -Alcohol and Drug	716
Alcohol and Drug Trainees	427

Art Therapists (64, 2%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists	63
Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists	1

Licensed Behavior Analysts (3%): 120

Marriage and Family Therapists (125, 3%):

Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists	111
Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists	14

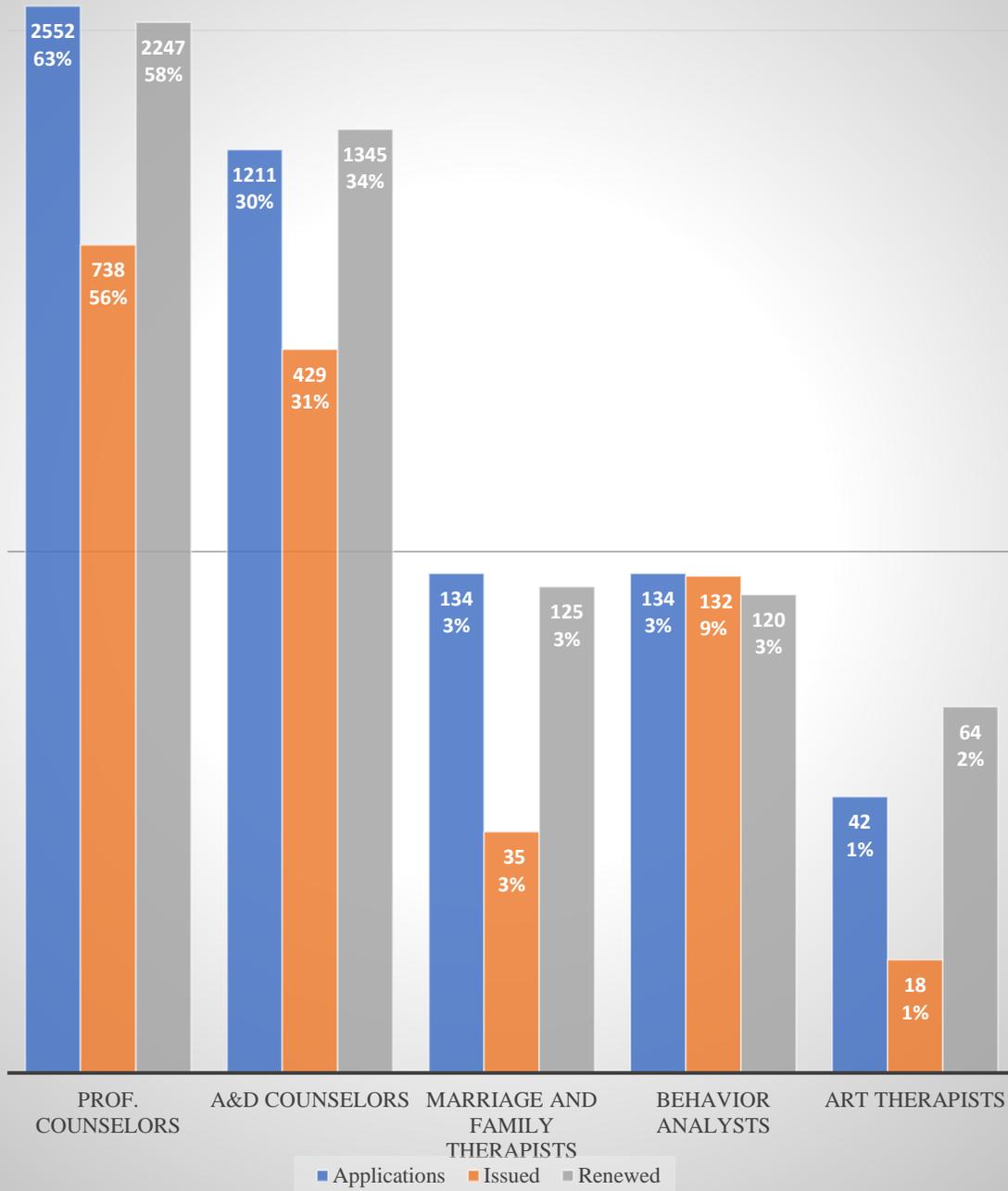
Professional Counselors (2250, 58%):

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors	2028
Licensed Graduate Professional Counselors	219
Certified Professional Counselors	3

REINSTATEMENTS (164)

Alcohol and Drug Counselors	46
Art Therapists	0
Behavior Analysts	0
Marriage and Family Therapists	6
Professional Counselors	112

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REVENUE:

Application fees:	319,653.00
License/Certification fees:	171,754.00
Renewal fees:	696,400.00
Inactive fees:	4,150.00
Miscellaneous:	83,235.00
Fund Balance from FY17:	1,301,158.00
Total Revenue:	2,576,350.00

EXPENDITURES:

Personnel:	594,179.32
Operating:	63,788.92
Indirect:	32,046.87
Attorney General:	138,038.00
Rent:	34,438.00
Total Expenditures:	862,491.11